

own to force the Clinton administration to discontinue military exchange programs with the Communist Chinese regime.

Let us make this very clear. Communist China is the world's worst human rights abuser. It is a Communist dictatorship. Their leadership still claims to their own Communist congresses in Beijing that the United States is the enemy and that they will destroy us. But yet we have had a policy in the last 5 years of military exchanges in which we are teaching them our military secrets and we permit their top military brass to observe our troops and how they act and the game plans that we use during our warfare, our potential warfare with any adversary.

At the same time, we have been taking these military exchange programs, and what have we been doing? We have been teaching the Communist Chinese how to run a logistics system, how to supply troops in the field, how to transport troops. This we are doing with the military of the world's worst human rights abuser, a country that threatens our own national security.

What sense does that make? The people of Tibet are still suffering under a genocidal policy by the Communist regime in Beijing. There are Muslims in the far reaches of western China who are also suffering a genocidal attack. Believers in God, Christians, who refuse to register with the government are being brutally suppressed, thrown into concentration camps, they call it the laogai system of prisons. Now we hear that a Buddhist sect made up of middle-aged and senior citizens of China who practice nothing more than kind of a breathing exercise, an exercise program in the morning that helps the soul as well as the body, even this little Buddhist religious sect is now coming under severe repression.

This is not a normal regime. This is not like Belgium or the Netherlands or even Mexico, which is struggling to try to have free elections. There are no free elections, there are no parties, there is no freedom in China. But yet we are training the military in China on how to be more effective.

And what will that military do? It will either be used to repress their own people and participate in destroying the culture and the people of Tibet or these other repressed minorities in China, or it will be used in aggression against their neighbors. Already Burma has become nothing more than a fiefdom for China. We see in the Spratly Islands the Communist Chinese trying to bully their neighbors and grab these islands so that they can control the Malacca Straits where so much of the world's commerce goes through that one little strait there in South Asia. They may use that military training that we are providing them in that type of activity. Or they may use the military training that we are providing them to kill Americans.

This is insanity. It is an insane policy to call this type of regime our strategic partner.

And it is threatening the lives and the well-being of millions of Americans. Every time we turn around, we are finding out that our country is more in jeopardy because of conscious decisions on the part of the Clinton administration to treat Communist China as a benevolent power.

This is not only insanity, this is a crime against the American people, especially against the youth of our country. The American people who are trying to raise their family sacrificed, America sacrificed during the Cold War. America sacrificed in order to make a more peaceful world and to protect the cause of human freedom. And yet now with the Cold War over, we are finding that our young people, our children, are going to be in as great a danger 10 years from now as they were at the height of the Cold War. Why is that? Because we have a policy that makes no sense, that is contrary to our interests in dealing with a regime on the mainland of China that hates everything that the United States stands for.

Let me make this clear about the regime that controls the mainland of China. These are gangsters, these are people who hate the United States of America because they believe that we are the only power that stands in their way of their destiny. Just as Japan during the 1920s believed that it was the destiny of Japan to control all of Asia and into the Pacific Basin, the Japanese knew that the United States was the only power that stood in their way, that we were the only ones that could stop them from their destiny, these militaristic gangsters who ran Japan at the time. That same attitude now is what we find in Beijing.

When we let their scientists go to our laboratories, when we train their military, they do not say, Oh, the United States of America must be our friends. Otherwise they would not be so open. They are not saying that. They are saying, The United States of America is weak. They are saying that the people of the United States of America are permitting weapons technology to come into our possession and we hate them. That must mean the Americans are cowards.

That is what is going on. We are laying the foundation for a bitter future for our young people, because 10 years from now when the Communist Chinese have taken the technology that they have stolen from us and obtained through our openness with them, they will be put into weapons systems that will threaten the lives of our young people when they reach adulthood.

And sometime and someday in the future we will send an aircraft carrier into the Pacific and thousands of American lives will be lost if we get into a confrontation because the Chinese will have the technology to sink our aircraft carriers and murder our military personnel. And when we look back, we will find that that technology was developed by the American taxpayers

during the Cold War and offered on a plate to the Communist Chinese.

This is a sinful policy. It is sinful because it ignores the fundamental values of our country and it is sinful because we the Government, and we are the Government, the United States of America, we the people, we are supposed to be watching out for the people's interest, especially the interest of future generations of Americans.

This acknowledgment of the type of technological disaster that we are in right now started 2 years ago. As chairman of the Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, which is my primary responsibility here in the House of Representatives, I went to a meeting of aerospace workers to find out what projects they are working on and to get a firsthand look and feel for our aerospace industry in the United States.

During that meeting, one of the employees of the aerospace industry that I was talking to was talking about the project that he had just been involved in; he had just come back from China. He was saying, Congressman, those Chinese rockets, they do not even work. They do not have right-stage separation technology. We are trying to put our satellites up with those rockets and they will not work and they can only carry one payload. They can only carry one satellite. So I have spent the last year over there helping them try and correct these problems.

I could not believe what I was hearing. Finally when he was done, I said, Let me get this straight. Your company has used this technology that we paid for, that the taxpayers paid for, you are using that technology and your expertise and your company, every means that your company has, to improve the capability and the reliability of the rocket systems over in China?

He says, Why, yes. Their stage separation, he repeated that, they do not have the exploding bolts, the stage separation that they need and they blow up right after it takes off.

I looked at that aerospace worker and I said, You know, I think it is a good thing when Communist Chinese rockets blow up. And all of a sudden he said, Oh, you are thinking about the national security implications.

And I said, Yes. Yes, I am. I am thinking about that. It is something we should think about.

He said, Do not worry. We have a waiver from the White House.

Well, that made me feel real good about that. I spent the next 6 months, Mr. Speaker, researching this issue. I went to the major aerospace firms and talked to them. I went to the subcontractors. I went to the aerospace employees, and I researched this issue myself before I made a speech on the floor of the House of Representatives.

What I found was a verification that our companies, some of our major corporations, were over in China providing them with the technology they needed to make sure their rockets did not explode when the stages separated, to